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Dear Emmett,

I have had a long letter from Miss Morpurgo, Gallarotti's assistant in Rome, about the index they are making. It is well advanced, carding is complete, and only a few queries remain to be solved. I was asked for some advice, which I gave; I also emphasised the need for accuracy and completeness. She sent the enclosed specimen, which I think you too should see, if you have any comments you can write direct to her or Gallarotti. I think this will serve a real need, and am only sorry it is coming out in Rome rather than Madison. The notes in the margin are mine; I found two apparent omissions in this section. I'd like it back some time, but no hurry.

The Observer published my second letter; I do not expect Palmer to speak to me in future, but I could not let him get away with the implication that he and Michael (in that order) cracked linear B. I was in Oxford on Monday and saw John Boardman and Dorothea Gray; the general feeling is that Palmer is wrong, but proof will be difficult. There is general hope that he is wrong, even from



people as personally remote as S. Dow. At least A.J.B. has not  
taken a hand so far.

Yours,

John